over a period of three months just taking the plea of a desperate situation, that *the* economy can go topsy turvy in this fashion.

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: the answer to the question is simple that in terms of objectives of economic and social policy laid down by Panditji and other great leaders there is no reneging on our side. These objectives are: working towards a dynamic agricultural and industrial economy, working towards poverty elimination, working towardss self-reliance. These objectives remain as they are. What has changed and must change is instrumentality. In a dynamic society instrumentalities have to change with the changing times.

SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY; Sir, I wanted to ask the question on the next question.

SHRI JAGESH DESAl: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know, what are the deposits of NRIs as on 31-3-1991? In 1989 the deposits were to the tune of Rs. 14000 crores. In March 1990 it was Rs. 17737 crores. What was the figure of NRI deposits in India as on 31-3-1991? I am happy to hear from the hon. Minister that confidence has been restored in NRIs. After you announced this, how much mero NRIs deposits you have received in this country?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: I do not have the information with me right now. I would make that information available but I can state that on **a** qualitative basis the net outflow is now a thing of the past. In the previous month there was **a** positive indication of net outflow of non-resident deposits. That net outflow has now been stopped.

श्री सभापति : श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी; .... **(व्यवधान)** .... आप सवाल नहीं पूछ रहीं हैं?

श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी : सभापति महोदय, एक कहावत है कि पंचों का हुक्म सर माथे पर लेकिन परनाला तो उसी तरह बहेगा । माननीय मंत्री महोदय कह रहे हैं कि उन्होंने पश्चिमी बंगाल सरकार द्वारा सुझाये गये प्रस्ताव को बड़ी गंभीरता से लिया है । तो मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से पूछना चाहती हूं कि निर्यात के लिये आयात और आयात के लिये निर्यात, इस गोरखधंधे में हमारी अर्थ-नीति जो फंसी हुई है, इस दुश्चक्र से हमारी अर्थ-नीति कैसे निकलेगी ?

इसका पार्ट बी यह है कि आयात में दलाली के माध्यम से होने वाली आमदनियों का बहुत बड़ा हिस्सा पूंजीपतियों द्वारा विदेशी बैंकों में रखा जाता है, उसको वापस लाने के लिये मंत्री महोदय क्या कर रहे है.... **(व्यवधान)**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Development of free ports in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands

*224. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have considered the desirability of developing Free Ports in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government have set up an Advisory Committee to examine the desirability and the feasibility of setting up **a** Free Port in India. The Report of the Committee is awaited.

Basically Starred Question No. 144 transferred from 24th July, 1991.